

Village of Lake Park, NC
Proclamation In Honor of the Military Order of the Purple Heart

WHEREAS: The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration still in present use and was initially created by George Washington in 1782, as the “Badge of Military Merit”; and,

WHEREAS: The Purple Heart was the first American Service Award made available to the common soldier, and is awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and,

WHEREAS: The mission of The Military Order Of The Purple Heart, chartered by an act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families; to promote patriotism; to support related legislative initiatives; and, most importantly, to make sure we never forget the sacrifices made by those so decorated; and,

WHEREAS: There have been many former Village of Lake Park residents who made the ultimate sacrifice in giving their lives in the cause of freedom, and the numerous combat-wounded veterans who currently reside within the Village of Lake Park , and in Union County , and as Purple Heart awardees who contribute to their community in countless ways; and,

WHEREAS: The Village of Lake Park in Union County, North Carolina falls within the purview of Chapter 634 of The Military Order of the Purple Heart, and wishes to pledge its strong support for this noble organization and for those who put their lives at risk in service of their Country and their fellow citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED AND RESOLVED, that the Village of Lake Park, North Carolina, by the affirmative action and declaration of its Village council does hereby bestow honor and gratitude upon the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Charter 634, and proudly supports the recognition of the Village of Lake Park as a “Purple Heart City in the State of North Carolina.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Village to be affixed this 8th day of April, 2014.

Signed _____ SEAL Attest _____
Mayor David Cleveland Cheri Clark, Village Clerk